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Washington, DC - 12th District Congressman John Barrow (D-GA) announced today that the Screven County Fire Department has been awarded a \$150,813 grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP). The grant helps provide for additional training and personal protective equipment.

"Firefighters are on the front lines of protecting our communities," Congressman Barrow said. "This grant will help ensure that, in an emergency, our firefighters are equipped with the tools and training they need to do their jobs and to help save lives."

To secure a grant, applicants had to demonstrate financial need and outline the benefits of the additional funds. The actual amount of the award was based on the population served. The Operations and Firefighter Safety Program is administered through the AFGP and provides supplemental funds to promote firefighters' health and safety through training programs, to purchase equipment, and to fund modifications to facilities.

For additional information including a complete list of applicants, financial information, and fire department data for each state, please visit <http://www.firegrantsupport.com>.

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